CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:
Pastor Patricia Muran of the Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Police Chief Macagni, Director of Community Development Lindsey, Fire Chief Ortiz, Director of Utilities Chisam, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Sweet, Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton, Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson, Management Analyst van de Kamp, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

PRESENTATION – CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL PLAQUE
Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, on behalf of the Centennial Committee, presented the City Council with a model of the Centennial Memorial Plaque to be installed at City Hall offering a living legacy to the community of Santa Maria and its more than 100 years of history.

PROCLAMATION – RED HAT SOCIETY DAY
Councilmember Patino read a proclamation declaring April 25, 2006, as Red Hat Society Day in the City of Santa Maria, and advising all of the citizens of Santa Maria Valley to pay respect to all of the Red Hatters on their International Red Hat Society Day. The proclamation was accepted by Karen McCall and Barbara Urbanske.

PROCLAMATION – KCOY'S SPRING FOOD DRIVE
Mayor Lavagnino read a proclamation declaring April 3 - 27, 2006, as the dates for KCOY'S Spring Food Drive in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents of the Santa Maria Valley to participate by collecting cans of food for donation to the Santa Maria Valley Foodbank. The proclamation was accepted by John Zuchelli and Laurie Pippan of KCOY and Kathy Hayes of the Santa Maria Valley Foodbank.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Mariscal congratulated Sandy Underwood, the April 2006 Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month, for her dedication of time and effort as a Community Educator for Marian Medical Center and her continued involvement in the Families for the First Decade Project "Healthy for Life" work group and Community Walks. As Ms. Underwood could not be present, her gift was accepted by her supervisor.

PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring the month of April 2006 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Santa Maria, and expressing the hope that this observance will assist in the continuance of equal housing opportunities for all residents of Santa Maria. The proclamation was accepted by Celeste Coelho-Hudson.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK
Councilmember Trujillo read a proclamation declaring the week of April 17 to 23, 2006, as National Community Development Week in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging members of the public to promote responsible development of the community for the

benefit of all Santa Marians. The proclamation was accepted by Celeste Coelho-Hudson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Ziener spoke about the geographical similarities between the Central Coast and the Holy Land.

Harley Augustino, PUEBLO, spoke regarding the Measure D reauthorization, the Centeno/Carbajal compromise proposal and Councilmember Mariscal's proposal.

Vibiana Saavedra, PUEBLO, spoke regarding the need for increased mass transportation, the Measure D reauthorization proposal, and Councilmember Mariscal's proposal which would take $100 million from mass transportation.

Raphaela Moreno, PUEBLO, spoke about Councilmember Mariscal's proposal and requested he withdraw the proposal and support the Centeno/Carbajal compromise proposal.

Elia Toledo, PUEBLO, spoke about the problem of not enough buses to transport children to school and the need for more public transportation.

Sara Ortiz, PUEBLO, spoke regarding the need for more public transportation.

Margarita Moran, PUEBLO, also spoke about the need for more bus service, especially in the north side of Santa Maria.

Ernest Armenta spoke in opposition to the Measure D reauthorization and urged voters to vote against the ballot measure.

Maria Calderon spoke about the need for more bus service especially for students in the morning to get to school.

Alfonso Hernandez spoke regarding the need for more public transportation for working families and young people so students could get to school.

Gabriel Valencia spoke regarding immigration reform and said they would continue marching and protesting until Congress heard them and gave them support.

Councilmember Mariscal stated he wanted to first talk about SMAT increasing its ridership specifically for children at the high school. This is the first year SMAT has done that because the High School District can't get bus drivers to work on a part-time basis to drive their school buses. He said the proposal that the City put forth did come from the Mayor's letter. At the March 7th City Council meeting, the City Council gave direction to the SBCAG staff and their consultant, that the projects identified in the Mayor's letter were strongly requested to be included in the final plan for the reauthorization of Measure D. If the people who spoke were told that the City's proposal was taking $100 million from bus service, they were not told the truth. In the City's proposal, $5 million was taken from the inter-regional bus program which was already being funded substantially higher than it had been before, $8 million was taken from the commuter rail in the Santa Barbara area, $28 million from the regional bus pool, and $37.5 million from the regional bicycle program. In addition, the City felt the "Safe Routes to School" program should be funded out of the 60 percent local allocation to the jurisdictions. The City of Santa Maria, under this proposal, will contribute $467 million and would get back $204 million. $263 million will be contributed to the regional pot. He said Supervisors Centeno and Carbajal would be meeting with him to try to work out a compromise proposal.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmembers Mariscal and Trujillo requested Item 3I be pulled for comment. Mayor Lavagnino requested Items 3E, H, I, and L be pulled for comment.

Item 3E – Entertainment License for Ahedos Restaurant.
Mayor Lavagnino requested the Police Department keep an eye on this Entertainment License as he didn't want to have complaints coming to the City Council.

Item 3I – Daytime Juvenile Anti-Loitering Ordinance.
Mayor Lavagnino read from a report entitled Policies and Practices Related to Juvenile Curfews which was submitted to the Council by Bill Shipsey, "the study found that most jurisdictions with curfews found the curfew was an effective tool to control vandalism, graffiti, nighttime burglary, and auto theft." He said that even though the City's ordinance was not a curfew ordinance, these were the reasons he was supporting it.

Councilmember Trujillo said he supported this ordinance; however, there were a lot of families that home-schooled their children, and they were not the children that were causing the problems. He said there should be some way for the Police Officers to identify these children, perhaps some type of identification card.

Police Chief Macagni said they would be dealing with the schools to make sure the juveniles were repeat offenders.

Councilmember Orach stated at the last meeting Councilmember Patino suggested putting a one-year sunset clause in the ordinance. That was a good idea and will give the City a track record to see if it is working.

Councilmember Mariscal stated the report provided by Bill Shipsey reiterates what the Council did by putting in a sunset clause so it could be looked at again in one year. At the end of the year, the Council could really look at the pros and cons of the ordinance.

Item 3L – Purchase of .66 acres of land for the SMAT Maintenance and Operations Center.
Mayor Lavagnino said this was a good idea for expansion of the SMAT Center and would provide more parking for the buses.

Consent Calendar Items A through O were approved with the indicated action on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar are adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicates otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 4, 2006, were approved as submitted.

C. RELEASE OF BONDS
Council accepted as complete certain public improvements and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of $1,369,451 for the construction and installation of public improvements with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be held until October 2006 and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond be held until April 2007; a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of $126,880 for the installation of public landscaping and irrigation with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be held until October 2006 and the Planting and Irrigation Maintenance Bond be held until April 2007; and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of $6,847.60 for the installation of 68 street and easement trees including maintenance for one year, posted in connection with Arborwalk, Tract 5831.

D. RELEASE OF BONDS
Council accepted as complete certain public improvements and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the reduced amount of $86,772 for the construction and installation of public improvements with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be held until October 2006 and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond be held until April 2007; and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of $9,465.80 for the installation of 94 street and easement trees including maintenance for one year, posted in connection with The Village, Tract 5846.

E. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
Resolution No. 2006-50 was adopted declaring certain City equipment to be surplus and authorizing the donation of one retired Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) transit bus, 50 retired computers, 52 retired computer monitors, and associated computer accessories to the City of San Martin de Hidalgo and the neighboring town of Tepehuaje, both located in the State of Jalisco, Mexico.

Resolution No. 2006-50 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING CERTAIN CITY EQUIPMENT TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSITION.

F. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 126512 to 126781 in the amount of $1,961,850.31 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 126502 was cancelled.

G. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

H. ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE
Council approved an Entertainment License with specific conditions for Ahedos Restaurant at 118 W. Chapel Street to allow live music and disc jockey services Wednesday through Sunday.

I. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08
Second reading was conducted and Ordinance No. 2006-08 was adopted adding Chapter 6-3A to Title 6 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code related to daytime anti-loitering for children under the age of 18 years.

Ordinance No. 2006-08 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA RELATING TO DAYTIME LOITERING OF JUVENILES, ADDING CHAPTER 6-3A TO THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

J. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06
Second reading was conducted and Ordinance No. 2006-06 was adopted changing the zoning from 6.35 acres of PD/CPO (Planned Development/Commercial Professional Office) to 5.09 acres of PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential) and 1.27 acres of PD/CPO for Centennial Square located at the southwest corner of Miller Street and Plaza Drive.

Ordinance No. 2006-06 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REZONING 6.35 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MILLER STREET AND PLAZA DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 128-066-003.

K. ABC LICENSE
Council noted and filed a Notice from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License in an existing restaurant for 3rd Coast Cafe, located at 323 Town Center West (previously Cenaduria OK).

L. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Resolution No. 2006-51 was adopted authorizing the purchase of .66 acre of land adjacent to the Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT) Maintenance and Operations Center and directing staff to proceed with acquisition.

Resolution No. 2006-51 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING .66 ACRE LAND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY APN# 111-580-003 ADJACENT TO THE SMAT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS CENTER FOR FACILITY EXPANSION TO ADD ADDITIONAL BUS PARKING CAPACITY.

M. LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES

Resolution No. 2006-52 was adopted authorizing the establishment of limited time parking zones and preferential parking privileges on Camino Colegio from College Drive to Concepcion Avenue, on Las Flores Way from College Drive to Concepcion Avenue, and on Concepcion Avenue from Camino Colegio to Sierra Madre Avenue.

Resolution No. 2006-52 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING PRIVILEGES ALONG CAMINO COLEGIO, LAS FLORES WAY AND CONCEPCION AVENUE.

N. THREE-WAY STOP

Resolution No. 2006-53 was adopted authorizing the establishment of a three-way stop at the intersection of Taylor Street and Curryer Street.

Resolution No. 2006-53 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A THREE-WAY STOP AT TAYLOR STREET AND CURRYER STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.20 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

O. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Resolution Nos. 2006-54, 55, and 56 were adopted authorizing the submittal of applications for three grants: a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, a Habitat Conservation Fund grant, and a Recreational Trails Program grant, administered by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Resolution No. 2006-54 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND UNDER THE CALIFORNIA OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN ACT OF 1967.

Resolution No. 2006-55 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT OF 1990.

Resolution No. 2006-56 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM.

2006/07 ALLOCATIONS FOR CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson gave the staff report. The Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, a program that provides state and local governments with funds to address a variety of complex physical, economic and social needs in the community, has been in existence for over 30 years. The program is very flexible and allows local discretion as to how the funds may be used provided the specific activities meet one of the three national objectives: to primarily benefit low and moderate income persons; to prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or to meet a particularly urgent community-wide need, such as caused by a major catastrophic event. For fiscal year 2006-07, the City anticipates receiving $1,307,233 in CDBG entitlement funds and $60,000 in program income under its revolving loan fund

programs. Of these amounts, $196,085 will be available for public service and $849,702 will be available for capital development projects. As part of a consortium with the County, the City will be eligible for $380,453 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds.

This year's allocations process includes the development of an Annual Action Plan. The Block Grants Advisory Committee oversees the process that involves an assessment of the needs in the community, the recommendation of funding priorities, the review of funding applications, and the recommendation of allocations. A community needs workshop was conducted on December 5, 2005. After reviewing the information presented at the workshops as well as demographic data and the results of last year's extensive needs assessment survey, the Advisory Committee adopted priorities for fiscal year 2006-07. For the fourth year, the Advisory Committee divided into five teams of three committee members each and conducted an in-depth review and on-site visits of all the applications received for funding. A special Advisory Committee meeting was held on March 29, 2006, at which time each team reported the findings of their site visits, and the Committee formulated its recommendation for City Council approval. The Committee evaluated and ranked the proposals by applying the adopted priorities as an overlay to the Federal Guidelines for Eligibility and the Additional City Criteria for CDBG Public Service Funding. The Committee evaluated each application and by consensus determined a priority of high, medium or low based on how each application related to the priorities, guidelines and criteria. Also, the Committee included in its deliberations the allocation of an additional $500,000 for construction of the new City Public Library. Due to the limited funding available, only high-priority projects or programs were recommended for funding with the exception of the City's Families for the First Decade Project. Concerning the capital development proposals, only two #1 "high" priority projects were recommended for funding as only $349,702 was available after deducting the allocation for the Library.

Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson introduced and recognized the members of the Block Grants Advisory Committee who were present.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Dr. Francisco Mendoza, Alliance for Pharmaceutical Access, thanked the City Council and the Block Grants Advisory Committee and explained that the Alliance was a new organization that helped to connect people who could not afford their medications with pharmaceutical companies who would provide them.

David Coelho, Catholic Charities, thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee and Celeste Coelho-Hudson for their excellent work. He said it was a pleasure to work with the City and other organizations who assist the disadvantaged and disabled in the community.

David Jimenez, Central Coast Ministries & Community Services, explained that they provided services for the Newlove residents. They were not being recommended for funding by the Committee and asked the Council to reconsider.

Clemente Macias, Central Coast Ministries & Community Services, stated they operated on a shoe-string budget. The need in the community was great. There has been quite an improvement over the last few years in that area. She asked the Council to reconsider their request for funding.

John Diego, Center for Employment Training, stated his was a second chance program to help children who dropped out of high school. Some of these juveniles have no where to go during the day and cannot find jobs. He asked the Council to partner with the Center for Employment Training to provide alternative training.

Elizabeth Stotts, Community Action Commission, said they would have liked to receive the full allocation they requested but were very grateful for what funding was being recommended.

Ashley Payne, Community Partners in Caring, thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee and the City Council. She said they assist the elderly and frail who cannot get out on their own any longer. They appreciate the funding assistance the City provides.

Kathy Hayes, Santa Barbara County Foodbank, thanked the Committee and the Council. She asked that the Council approve the Committee's recommendations for funding.

Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Shelter, said they were very grateful for being recommended for HOME funding and Capital Development funding. She thanked the Committee and the Council for their continued support.

Maya Dollete, North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, thanked the Committee for their recommendation. Last year their agency provided service to over 15,000 people and was working hard to raise awareness.

Hinda Beaman, Friends of the Santa Maria Library, also thanked the Committee and the Council for their continue support of the new Library. She talked about some of the new programs that would be offered at the new Library.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee and Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson for their hard work and dedication. He said he reviewed all the applications very thoroughly and agreed with the Committee's recommendations. He suggested, if there was any additional money available, that $5,000 be allocated to the Central Coast Ministries.

Councilmember Orach thanked all the providers for everything they do for the community and thanked the Committee. He said there was never enough money to meet all the requests. One of his concerns was that Congress was talking about revitalizing the HUD program, and that was very scary. He hoped there was enough money to keep the Families for the First Decade project going. He said he supported the Committee's recommendations.

Councilmember Patino stated as usual the needs far exceed the funds available. She said at the Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board was talking about the meth problem in the County. If people are under the influence of drugs, they cannot do anything. It is really overtaking the community and the County. She said she would be sitting on the County task force for affordable housing with Councilmember Trujillo. She thanked the Committee for all their hard work and said she truly appreciated it.

Councilmember Mariscal commented there was a lot more need than there was money available. Many of the people who avail themselves of these services must do so through no fault of their own. He said he appreciated the Committee really looking at the priorities even though it must be heart-wrenching to make the site visits and listen to the stories. He said the City was using a good part of the money for the Library, but that would benefit the whole community. He thanked Good Samaritan Shelter and the Community Action Commission for getting the North County Kitchen going. He thanked the Committee and all the organizations who provide service to the community.

Mayor Lavagnino thanked Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson for the great work she does every year with this program. He said he wished there was enough money to give everyone all that they requested.

Capital Projects

Resolution No. 2006-57 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

awarding funding to the following:

City of Santa Maria Public Library	$500,000
Good Samaritan Shelter Kitchen/Dining Hall/Overflow Shelter	$295,536
Transitions Mental Health Assoc. Rehab of Two Residential Properties	$ 54,166
Residential Rehabilitation (Loan Program Income)	$ 60,000
General Administration	$261,446
Total	$1,171,148

Resolution No. 2006-57 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 FEDERAL FUNDING.

HOME Investment Partnership Program

Resolution No. 2006-58 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

awarding funding to the following:

Good Samaritan Shelter Housing Coordinator/CHDO	$ 50,000
Housing Authority/Ted Zenich Gardens	$300,000
Carryover of Remaining Balance to Next Fiscal Year	$ 30,453
Total	$380,453

Resolution No. 2006-58 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 FEDERAL FUNDING.

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Hearing no further testimony, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2006-59 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

awarding funding to the following:

Alliance for Pharmaceutical Access	$ 6,000
Alzheimer's Association	$ 4,346
Catholic Charities	$20,000
City of Santa Maria/Families For the First Decade Project	$10,000
Community Action Commission/Senior Nutrition	$ 6,000
Community Partners in Caring/Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program	$ 7,500
Domestic Violence Solutions/Emergency Shelter	$ 7,500
Foodbank of Santa Barbara County/Brown Bag Program	$ 7,500
Foodbank of Santa Barbara County/Warehouse	$10,000
Good Samaritan Shelter	$20,000
Independent Living Resource Center/Deaf Outreach	$ 5,350

Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	$10,000
North County Rape Crisis & Child Protection Center	$ 7,500
Pacific Pride Foundation	$ 5,000
Santa Barbara County Probation Dept/Youth Shelter Care	$ 6,000
Santa Maria Independent Living Environment (SMILE)	$11,889
Santa Maria Organization of Transportation Helpers/Senior Transportation	$ 5,000
Santa Maria Valley FISH Meals On Wheels	$11,500
Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center	$ 5,000
Sisters of St. Francis/Marian Residence Lifeline	$10,000
The Salvation Army	$20,000
Total	$196,085

Resolution No. 2006-59 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 FEDERAL FUNDING.

Councilmember Orach and Mariscal left the Council Chambers for a short break at this time.

ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Sweet gave the staff report. On March 16, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2006-36 declaring that public and unimproved private lots constituted a public nuisance and setting this as the date Council would hear comments or objections regarding the requirements to destroy weeds and remove rubbish, refuse, and dirt from said properties. Streets and Facilities staff mailed 132 abatement letters to owners of 169 properties. The purpose of the abatement letter is to make certain that property owners are aware that property they own requires appropriate maintenance and gives the owners an opportunity to accomplish the abatement on their own. Owners of undeveloped lots who are not successfully notified through the abatement mailing process will have their properties posted.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public protest hearing. Hearing no protests, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2006-60 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Mariscal, Orach
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2005-60 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA OVERRULING OBJECTIONS TO THE ABATEMENT OF WEEDS, RUBBISH, REFUSE, AND DIRT PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 8 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilmembers Mariscal and Orach returned to the dais at this time.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ness reported on items for the next regular City Council meeting on May 2, 2006, including eight proclamations, two public hearings for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment relating to the regulation of barbecues and the extension of a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries, and also the third quarter Financial Report would be presented.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Orach reported on the All-America City Committee meeting and notified the Council that representatives from the Committee were planning on attending the All-America City Conference in June in Anaheim. They were asking alumni to come to the conference and have a booth. The All-America City Committee was also looking to

apply for the award again in 2007. In August, the Committee would be making a formal presentation to the Council.

Councilmember Orach also announced that Guelaguetza Day would be held again on June 11th. This was the Oxacan Festival held in June of last year that had over 5,000 people attending.

Mayor Lavagnino reported his trip to Washington, D. C. to meet with representatives regarding the Santa Maria Levee. They met with Congressman Gallegly and Congresswoman Capps, who both agreed to support an add-on bill that would provide the money to study the Santa Maria Levee. They also met with Senator Feinstein's and Senator Boxer's staff.

Councilmember Patino reported on the Student Art Exhibit at the mall two weeks ago. She also reported on the Strawberry Banquet with over 600 people in attendance.

Councilmember Mariscal also reported on the Strawberry Banquet. Strawberries are the number one crop in the County and generate a lot of revenue for the area. The event was a celebration of the people who work in that industry. He congratulated all the winners.

Councilmember Mariscal stated the Committee to Improve North County would be having its general luncheon on April 19th. The guest speaker would be Tom Fayram, Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, who would be making a presentation on how the County views the levee, what the needs are, and what the scope of any study will need to take into consideration.

Councilmember Mariscal also talked about the last concert of the season by the Santa Maria Philharmonic, on Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Valley Christian Academy. He encouraged everyone to attend and bring their children to expose them to classical music.

CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Lavagnino announced that the Closed Session for Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria was not needed and was withdrawn from the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED

May 2, 2006
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST

Chief Deputy City Clerk